



Watertown Town Council

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John G. Gannon,
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District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. MEETING WILL ONLY HAVE REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION WITH PUBLIC ACCESS AGENDA

The Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 COVID-19 emergency and to avoid group congregation, this meeting will have only remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television):
<https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/#/watertown/video/5f490e6f9e1d640008a803ae?page=HOME&type=live>
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.
To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body – Stanley Avenue – Parcel 807 1B 1A
3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Town Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Referral to the Committee on Media and Public Outreach – Work with the CIO to Update the Town Council Web Page with Newer Available Technologies

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

An Order [Accepting a Public Use Park and Pathway Located at Pleasant Street and Waltham Street](#) and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Acceptance of said Public Use Park and Pathway

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the Approval of the Town Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$1,771,000 under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority for the Purpose of Paying Costs of [Town-Wide Radio Infrastructure Improvements](#), Including the Acquisition and Installation of Radio Infrastructure and Related Upgrades at Town Facilities, the Acquisition of Portable Radio Equipment, and All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor. Any Premium Received Upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by this Order, Less Any Such Premium Applied to the Payment of the Costs of Issuance of Such Bonds or Notes, May be Applied to the Payment of Costs Approved by this Order in Accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the Relocation of [NS AJO Holdings and the Recreational Closure of Greenough Boulevard](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTIONS ITEMS:

- 1. That the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager to Amend the Host Agreements with NS AJO Holdings to Move From 23 Elm street to 390 Arsenal Street, Contingent Upon Holding a Community Outreach Meeting
- 2. That the Town Council Authorize the Council President to Send a Letter to Ask DCR to Evaluate Traffic Data in the Area of Greenough Boulevard between Arsenal Street and North Beacons Street in Watertown and Determine if a Longer Term or Weekend Closure is Feasible, and Ask DCR to Work with Watertown's Department of Community Development and Planning and the Department of Public Works to Explore the Possibility of Doing a Pilot Program to Close this Section of Road on Weekends During the Spring/Summer/Fall of 2021

- B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding [Various Transportation Issues and the Updating or Amending of the Comprehensive Plan](#)

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Endorse the Department of Community Development and Planning Recommendation to Hire a Consultant to Review and Update the Comprehensive Plan in FY 2022

- C. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Establishment of an [Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) and the Creation of a Permanent Rental Assistance Program – Anthony Palomba, Chair
- D. Committees on Public Works and Economic Development and Planning Regarding the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Report](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Public Works Chair, Kenneth M. Woodland, Economics and Development Committee Chair

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances Consideration of Special Legislation to Enable Local Control over Transitioning from Beer and Wine Package Store Licenses to All Alcohol Package Store Licenses
- B. Referral to the Committee on Parks and Recreation to Review the Requests Made in the Citizen Petition presented at the December 8, 2020 Town Council meeting to:
1. Increase the Off-Leash Fenced Area to Include a Large Section of Adjacent Grassy Playfield
 2. For the Committee to Make Recommendations on How to Proceed

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

[Public Arts Master Plan](#)

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. PUBLIC FORUM

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT